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SUBJECT: CCD: US-SOVIET CW CONSULTATIONS; FOURTH ROUND: THIRD SESSION

1. SUMMARY: DURING THIRD SESSION OF US-SOVIET CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONSULTATIONS US SIDE COMPLETED SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS ELABORATING ON LIST OF PROPOSED KEY ELEMENTS. US SIDE MADE STATEMENTS ON VERIFICATION, CONFIDENCE-BUILDING AND THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. SOVIETS MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS BUT SUGGESTED THEY MAY HAVE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AT NEXT SESSION. END SUMMARY

2. THIRD SESSION OF FOURTH ROUND OF US-SOVIET CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONSULTATIONS WAS HELD MONDAY MORNING, JULY 11. US SIDE COMPLETED SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS ELABORATING ON LIST OF PROPOSED KEY ELEMENTS.

3. US DEL HEAD (FISHER) BEGAN SESSION BY RESPONDING TO TWO QUESTIONS POSED BY SOVIET SIDE AT PREVIOUS SESSION. HE EXPLAINED THAT PROPOSED DECLARATION OF STOCKS WOULD APPLY TO ALL STOCKS UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF THE STATE, WHETHER THEY WERE LOCATED ON ITS OWN TERRITORY OR ELSEWHERE. IN US VIEW DECLARATION SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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COVER SINGLE-PURPOSE AGENTS AND THOSE STOCKS OF DUAL-PURPOSE AGENTS WHICH WERE PRODUCED FOR CHEMICAL WARFARE PURPOSES. US WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER EXTENDING COVERAGE TO PRECURSORS, AS WELL,

4. FISHER FOLLOWED WITH PRESENTATION OUTLINING US VIEWS ON KEY ISSUE OF VERIFICATION. HE STATED THAT BECAUSE OF

THE DEFICIENCIES OF NON-INTRUSIVE METHODS, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT A VERIFICATION SYSTEM SHOULD PROVIDE FOR ON-SITE VERIFICATION IN SEVERAL AREAS: (A) FOR CONFIRMATION OF DESTRUCTION OF DECLARED STOCKPILES, (B) FOR CONFIRMATION THAT DECLARED FACILITIES ARE NOT BEING USED FOR PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES, (C) FOR FACT-FINDING INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED TREATY VIOLATIONS OR AMBIGUOUS SITUATIONS, AND (D) FOR MONITORING THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF SUPER-TOXIC CHEMICALS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IN ADDITION, HE PRESENTED US VIEWS ON CONTROLS TO BE APPLIED TO SUPER-TOXIC CHEMICALS AND NEED FOR CLEAR, DETAILED PROVISIONS ON CONDUCT OF ON-SITE INSPECTIONS.

5. BRIEF PRESENTATION ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES WAS MADE BY ALTERNATE HEAD OF US DEL (FLOWERREE). HE EXPRESSED US VIEW THAT SUCH MEASURES COULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF A CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION. REFERRING TO DETAILED US PRESENTATION OF CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MADE DURING SECOND ROUND, HE NOTED THAT US VIEWS REMAINED BASICALLY UNCHANGED, AND THAT FURTHER ELABORATION OF SOVIET VIEWS WOULD BE WELCOMED.

6. FINAL US PRESENTATION BY (PHEPLS) OUTLINED US VIEWS ON A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF STATES PARTIES FOR PURPOSE OF OVERSEEING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION. FUNCTIONS OF SUCH A COMMITTEE WERE OUTLINED, INCLUDING ROLE IN CONDUCTING

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FACT-FINDING INQUIRY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS REGARDING COMPLIANCE. PRESENTATION ALSO NOTED RECOGNITION BY US AND USSR OF USEFULNESS OF FORMAL CONSULTATIVE ARRANGMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RELATED AGREEMENTS DEALING WITH COMPLEX AND HIGHLY TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

7. SOVIET SIDE MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS BUT SUGGESTED THAT AFTER REVIEWING THEIR NOTES THEY HAVE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AT NEXT SESSION, SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON OF JULY 12.

8. AT THIRD SESSION SOVIET ALTERNATE CCD REP, B.P. KRASSULIN WAS PRESENT FOR FIRST TIME. PREVIOUS SOVIET INTERPRETER WAS REPLACED BY CCD DEL MEMBER E.D. ZAITSEV.SORENSEN

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